

WILL WAGE WAR ON THE "MOTTO BUTTON."

Craze for the Collection Among Paterson School Children Has Become Alarming.

Principal Forbids the Wearing of the Emblems and Says They Are Extremely Harmful.

PUPILS GAMBLE TO POSSESS THEM.

Scholar When Asked What Inscription His Motto Bore, Said: "None of Your Business," and Teacher Found This Was True.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 23.—A movement has been begun among the principals and teachers of the public schools to suppress the "motto button" craze among the pupils. It is asserted that it has reached alarming proportions, and is proving a vulgar factor in advancing slang and vulgarity and promoting immorality among the school children.

The button collection has grown to be the ruling passion among girls and boys alike, and the craze reaches to the primary grades to the High School. Many of the mottoes are of the double entendre sort, while others are worse. Some are purchased by the youngsters, and others are given to them with cigarettes and other articles commonly purchased by them. A business is made of their exchange by the scholars and a pastime of gambling for them.

Principal Starkey has forbidden the wearing of the buttons, and many other school instructors are following his example. Mr. Starkey, in passing his order against them, said that one of his girls had complained that when she asked to be let off a car at a certain place the trolley conductor had shown her a button which read, "Yes, darling." One teacher asked a boy what the motto on his button was, and he replied: "None of your business." She seized the button and found that those were indeed the words upon it.

The wearing of the motto buttons has been prohibited. It is said, in the public schools of Middletown, Md., and the Board of Education here may be asked to make a similar rule at its next meeting.

INDIAN RELICS IN A CELLAR.

Man Unearthed Them from What Was Once Part of a Burial Ground.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 23.—George P. Frank, of Elizabeth avenue, while digging in the cellar of his residence to-day, unearthed a number of Indian relics, consisting of iron beads and several tomahawks of different designs.

Mr. Frank had started the excavations preparatory to laying the foundation for a coal bin. He had dug but two feet deep when his spade turned up a number of what he thought were stones. Closer examination revealed that they were flint tomahawks and iron balls. The balls are about the size of marbles, and several of them have grooves around them, by which they had evidently been fastened and used as ornaments.

The house in which Mr. Frank resides is known to be over 100 years old. A short distance from the house is the site of the residence of John H. Lufbery, behind whose stable excavations have led to the discovery of the existence of a very large Indian burial ground. It is thought that the cemetery extended further than at first supposed, and that part of it is under the old Eden mansion.

LIQUOR MEN'S PARADISE.

No Jury Will Convict Them of Violations and Churchmen Protest in Vain.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 23.—The Christian Union, of this city, presented through its secretary, Rev. George Buckle, a lengthy petition to the City Council last night. The union has tried for many months to secure the enforcement of the excise law forbidding the sale of liquor on Sunday.

Thirty-four saloon keepers were arrested recently on evidence furnished by policemen and tried in police court. Not one of them was convicted, and the union asked the council to instruct the City Attorney to appeal two of these cases in order to settle the question. On the night of the accused to a trial by jury, and second whether the city ordinance relative to closing saloons on Sunday can be enforced in Elizabeth.

The council refused the petition to the City Committee. The case will probably be taken to the Supreme Court. Experience has shown that a saloon keeper can be severely punished in this city for selling liquor on Sunday.

IS IN THE G. O. P. NO LONGER.

Beckwith Spoke for McKinley Two Years Ago But Now Addresses Bryan Meeting.

Red Bank, N. J., Sept. 23.—The first political meeting in Red Bank this campaign was held in the Town Hall last night of the Democrats. The meeting was well attended. S. H. Beckwith, of New York, a Republican, was the speaker. Mr. Beckwith has been a delegate to a number of national Republican conventions, and stamped Ohio for Governor McKinley two years ago. He made a telling free silver speech, and was warmly received.

A Bryan and Sewall club, with about seventy-five members, was formed, with Messrs. Beckwith, of New York, as president. Mr. Beckwith has always been an ardent Republican until this year. Charles Croft was elected secretary of the club.

BOLTERS NAME A TICKET.

Electors in New Jersey for Palmer and Buckner Selected.

The Palmer and Buckner New Jersey State Executive Committee yesterday, at a meeting held in Jersey City, selected these electors, to be nominated by petition: Asbel Green, of Englewood; James J. Bergen, of Somerset; Thomas P. Curley, of Trenton; Gardner C. Clark, of Mercer; Richard V. Lindabury, Somerset; Carman F. Randolph, of Morris; William P. Ellery, of Hackensack; Eugene W. Hopper, of Newark; Nelson J. H. Edge, of Jersey City, and Samuel M. Williams, of Elizabeth.

TAXPAYERS WON'T HAVE IT.

Mayor Rankin's Plan for a Big Improvement Objected to As Too Expensive.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 23.—The City Council last night deferred all action relative to the \$125,000 sewer, which Mayor Rankin had championed.

The sewer is not likely to be built this year, at least, owing to the strenuous opposition developed within the last few days. The people are not willing to take upon themselves so heavy an expense just now.

STEVENS INSTITUTE REOPENS.

Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, reopened yesterday. The additions to the junior class include T. S. Fakio, a graduate from the Engineer School of Japan; Robert Lang, of the University of Zurich; and H. Lehmann, of Holland.

TAXES NEARLY DOUBLED.

Citizens of Orange Indignant and Will Hold a Meeting to Denounce the Excessive Assessment.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 23.—This year the taxes on property in Orange have been almost doubled and a general feeling of indignation has existed for the past month, and complaints are heard on every side. So great is the dissatisfaction that a taxpayers' indignation meeting has been called, to be held in the Gorman and English School Hall, Park street, on Tuesday night next. A property owner said today that upward of 1,000 people would be present and the dissatisfaction would prevail. Action of some sort to protect the interests of property owners against the excessive burdens will be taken, they will meet next month.

PUPILS PACKED TOGETHER.

Railway Schools So Overcrowded Some Scholars Have to Stand Up.

Rahway, N. J., Sept. 23.—The public schools of this city are in such an overcrowded condition at the present time that mass meetings of citizens will probably be held to discuss means of remedying the evil. The Board of Education has tried several times to secure additional accommodations, but nothing has been accomplished. When the schools were opened last week it soon became evident that there would not be enough room to accommodate all the children. Since then the situation of affairs has grown worse instead of better. Many families having returned from summer vacation have crowded the schools. In the higher grades the children have sought to get into the schools.

Half-day sessions are being held in the school of the schools, but this does not seem to help matters much. In the primary departments of the Third Ward school, which is also the High School, the children are crowded to stand in the aisles and along the walls. In one small room there are seventy-five scholars jammed together. In the higher grades the crowding is not so bad, but even here half-day sessions have become necessary. When the schools were opened last week several of the parents of the children, who were crowded out of their schools, were aroused over this state of affairs, and several prominent citizens are talking of contributing money toward building new schools.

HOLD SCHOOL IN A CHURCH.

Many Vexatious Delays Prevent the Completion On Time of the New Structure.

The people of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., are afraid their new school building will be delayed. The building is the pride of the borough when it is completed. It was expected that the structure would be ready for occupancy by August 1. Now there is scarcely a possibility that it will be occupied before the middle of next month. In the meantime the 400 scholars have been attending school in the Baptist Church, which is crowded to the doors.

Last Spring the School Board let the contract for the building to Messrs. McGuire and Keefe, both of Passaic. McGuire was to do the stone and brick work and Keefe was to attend to the carpenter work. About three months ago his part of the contract had been completed and he had quietly left the State. His bonds were forfeited and the building was left in a state of confusion.

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CYCLIST'S FATAL HEADER.

Wheel Ran Away from the Dangerous Shady-Side Road and He Is Dying.

Englewood, N. J., Sept. 23.—William Slater, twenty-four years old, who lives at No. 28 East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, New York, was discovered lying unconscious among some rocks last night on the Shady-side road, leading to Port Lee, where he had fallen from his bicycle while returning home from a business trip here.

Slater was riding down the hill on the Shady-side road, when he lost control of the machine and was thrown on his head among the rocks, where he was found. He was taken to the hospital, but his injuries, also, from which he cannot recover.

BOYCOTTED A DEMOCRAT.

Republicans Refused to Buy Cigars of Him Because He Wouldn't Change His Views.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 23.—Henry Hackman, who is sixty-five years of age, and one of the best-known residents at this place, is being boycotted in his business by a number of Republicans because he is going to vote for Bryan.

Mr. Hackman is in the cigar business on Broadway, and the best patrons he had were leading Republicans. Many of these informed him repeatedly to announce himself for McKinley, but he steadfastly refused to do so, and now he says he has lost fifteen or twenty of his Republican customers, and attributes it all to his political attitude.

GOLD MEN CAUSED TROUBLE.

Bryanite Conductor Said the McKinleyites Abused Brought Bad Luck and an Accident.

Trolley cars were on a rampage in Jersey City yesterday. Newark car No. 327 at 1 a. m. jumped the track at Pacific avenue and Grand street. A crowd of McKinley and Hobart men were aboard, and the conductor, who wore a Bryan button, said they had brought bad luck and caused the accident.

COMMISSIONER MERCHANT GONE.

Disappeared a Week Ago and Had a Large Sum of Money with Him.

Frederick Fincken, of No. 111 Bowers street, Jersey City, yesterday reported to the police that his father, Frederick Fincken, fifty-two years old, had been missing for a week.

VICTIMS OF A STRANGE DISEASE.

Westwood, N. J., Sept. 23.—A strange skin disease, resembling ringworm, has claimed over a score of victims in this village, many being children. The physicians attending the cases say the children, who were first attacked by the disease, had been playing in a field.

A half dozen others, who also suffered from the skin eruption were shot. Some of the dogs before they were killed had all their hair. The persons attacked are all recovering.

FIFTY TRAMPS NEAR ELIZABETH.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 23.—Fifty tramps whom Special Officer Dies, of Rahway, found in a box car yesterday in that city, all devoted to a body for Elizabeth. They are about the outskirts of the city, and last night many petty depredations were committed by them.

GAS EXPLOSION SHAKES A CITY HALL.

Officials and Others Given a Scare and Some Flee in a Panic.

Workman Finds a Leak in a Pipe and a Lighted Match Does the Mischief.

DASHES HIM AGAINST A STAIRWAY.

Found Unconscious and Cut and Bruised, While Debris Is Hurled in All Directions—Explosion Tore a Large Hole in the Ceiling.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 23.—At 11:45 o'clock this morning the city officials and others engaged about the new municipal building were startled by a loud report that shook the building and brought people living blocks away to their feet in alarm. The officials rushed to the hallways, and the more panic-stricken hastened from the building.

The cause of the trouble was an explosion of illuminating gas on the second floor of the building, but James O. Menow, who superintended the heating, was the only person injured. Complaints had been made to him that there was an odor of escaping gas on the second floor, and his efforts to discover the leak led to the accident.

Menow tried to find the leakage by tracing the course of the pipes with a lighted match, in the hope that some of the gas might be escaping through the plaster, and this gave him a clue. He was on top of a tall step-ladder in the centre of the main hallway, when his lighted match struck a current of gas, which ignited on the ceiling overhead.

Simultaneously came the explosion, and Menow was hurled across the hallway and cast upon the stairway that leads to the floor above.

When help reached his side Menow was unconscious, and it was found that his head had been badly cut by a flying tile and his hip fractured. He was resuscitated and taken to his home. He did not seem at first to be badly hurt, but it is feared that he is injured internally.

The gas pipe crossed the hallway through a large conduit that occupied a portion of the space between the ceiling and the floor above. It is presumed that this became full of the gas and that the gas exploded as soon as the flames reached it. There were almost no marks among the occupants of the building for a time. A large section of the floor above, with its heavy hollow brick arch, was hurled down, and the debris fell in all directions. Workmen at once set to work to repair the damage.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKED HIM.

Spring Mattress Rose and Fell and Mr. Janeway Says He Rose with It.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 23.—Henry L. Janeway, the retired wall paper manufacturer, relates that he felt a distinct shock of earthquake on Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock, shortly after he had retired. He says that he had been asleep for about an hour when he felt the spring mattress rise and fall gently several times, and then the gas in his room flared up and subsided in quick succession for fully three minutes.

Mr. Janeway continued to bounce up and down in bed for fully fifteen seconds; then, he felt a slight quiver of the earth, and five minutes later, another quiver. He was startled, and when he awoke he experienced several earthquake shocks. Mr. Janeway says that he did not doubt, but he passed the matter off as a nervous condition when he read that a shock had been noticed in Matawan, N. J.

James Clark, watchman in the Janeway & Co. factory, says that he heard something drop heavily in the factory about 1:30 o'clock, but did not learn what it was. No one could be seen in the factory, and he was not sure if it was a seismic disturbance.

LEGAL BATTLE A LONG ONE.

Fight Over an Estate Lasted Three Years and the Lawyers Got a Goodly Share.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 23.—After a legal battle of three years, the estate of William M. Bedford, an eccentric character, who was found dead in his home at South Orange under suspicious circumstances in May, 1893, is to be settled. The estate is valued at \$40,000.

After Bedford's death it was found that he had left a will bequeathing his property to his two half-sisters, Mrs. Isaac and Miss Benjamin. They offered the will for probate, but a caveat was filed by Mrs. Bedford, who claimed to be the widow of the deceased, and the dispute was thrown into the Orphans' Court.

For three years the litigation dragged along, but it has now been brought to a close through a compromise effected by the court. The estate is to be divided, and the parties receive \$6,000 between them. Considerable of the estate has been eaten up by the litigation.

BOY BURGLARS PLEAD GUILTY.

Are Only Fifteen Years of Age, but One Has a Police Record.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 23.—Willie Marsh, of No. 128 Academy street, and James Matthews, of No. 27 William street, the two juvenile burglars who were arrested last night for breaking into the Newark coal office and stolen therefrom a small amount of money and a box of cigars, admitted their guilt in the First Criminal Court to-day and were committed by Judge Mott for the Grand Jury.

They were only fifteen years old, but at least one of them, Marsh, is an accomplished crackman. The police have traced two other burglaries to a rooming house, which was occupied by a Bryan button, and they had brought bad luck and caused the accident.

DOG SPRANG AT HER FACE.

Mrs. Collins Badly Bitten While Visiting the Home of a Friend.

Flushing, L. I., Sept. 23.—Mrs. John Collins, of this village, is at her home suffering from the effects of being bitten in the face by a large St. Bernard dog last evening. Yesterday afternoon she called on the family of Louis Dietz, of Fourteenth street, where she was invited to stay for dinner, and while she was at the table with the other members of the house last night, the dog came into the dining room.

He noticed Mrs. Collins and she being a stranger to him, he sprang at her. The dog buried its teeth in Mrs. Collins' face and made a horrible wound. Her face was badly lacerated, and the manner in which she was seized upon after Dr. Lawrence cauterized the wound.

ALLEGED ANARCHIST GOES FREE.

Naum Feldman, of No. 1951 Second avenue, who was arrested on August 17, on complaint of his wife, Sophia, who charged that he pointed a pistol at her, and that he was planning to blow up the Fifth Avenue Hotel, was discharged yesterday from the custody of the police. The Grand Jury failed to find a indictment against him. His wife is said to have gone to Chicago to avoid appearing before the Grand Jury.

MUST RUN CLOSED CARS IN BROOKLYN.

The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company intends to run cars to Bergen Beach every twenty minutes.

The Board of Health has ordered all the railroad companies to run closed cars hereafter.

IN THE HANDS OF A MOB.

Armed Italians Drive Away Deputy Sheriffs, Who Attempted to Tear Down Some Buildings—Will Try Again.

Montclair, N. J., Sept. 23.—There was a lively encounter yesterday afternoon at the quarry of Osborne & Marcellis, Upper Montclair, between some Italians and Deputy Sheriffs, and it resulted in the latter being put to flight.

Some time ago Charles W. English and others obtained attachments against a number of buildings located on the quarry property, which, it is alleged, were contracted for by Mr. Osborne. The claims of the several material dealers were not paid, and the result was that the buildings were sold by the Sheriff of the county.

Yesterday afternoon George Buntin, a carpenter and Deputy Sheriff, accompanied by six other deputies, all carpenters, and Constable Henry Kane, went to tear down the buildings for the benefit of the purchasers at the Sheriff's sale, they being the original claimants.

The report of the avowed intention of the carpenter deputies to tear down the buildings preceded them, and there were a number of sightseers present to witness the expected row. The deputies had no sooner commenced their work of demolishing the buildings than the cry was raised, "Here they come!"

Down the mountain from the quarries there was seen a small army of Italians, numbering more than forty, all armed with clubs, and commanded by a man who was known to the quarry men as "The Boss." The Italians started to parley with the newcomers, but his pressing upon him and the Italians pressing them away from the buildings. The Italians would not listen to an explanation of the law, and the mob compelled the deputies to retreat.

Another attempt will be made to tear down the buildings, but it will be done under the protection of a much larger force of deputies.

HOW TO KILL ELM BEETLES.

Professor Smith Has Found the Remedy, and Here It Is.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 23.—The ravages of the elm beetles in various parts of New Jersey have caused considerable alarm because of the destruction of many fine trees.

Professor John B. Smith, the entomologist of the New Jersey State Experiment Station here, has found that the pests are vulnerable to stomach poisons, and he makes his exterminator on the following formula: The gas pipe cross the hallway through a large conduit that occupied a portion of the space between the ceiling and the floor above. It is presumed that this became full of the gas and that the gas exploded as soon as the flames reached it.

There were almost no marks among the occupants of the building for a time. A large section of the floor above, with its heavy hollow brick arch, was hurled down, and the debris fell in all directions. Workmen at once set to work to repair the damage.

ONE OF THE JURORS HELD OUT.

Case Was Considered Twenty-four Hours, but He Was Obdurate.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 23.—The question whether Thomas Murray and Charles A. Bart should, as bondsmen for ex-Collector Miles P. Remond, be responsible for the shortage discovered in his accounts when he was forced to resign in 1893 is about as far from settlement as ever. Referee Adams, who heard testimony in the case, decided that they were not responsible for his decision. The amount involved is \$10,000. The contention of the bondsmen is that Smith had no authority to sign the check, and he was not a juror.

The juror who held out was James E. Hunter, of East Orange, who was one of the jurors who heard the case. He was one of the jurors who heard the case. He was one of the jurors who heard the case.

IT WAS A LARGE GATHERING.

Over 4,000 People Cried for Bryan and Sewall at a Flag Raising.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 23.—There was an immense assemblage of people in Orange to-night at the Bryan and Sewall banner raising and open-air ratification meeting. The crowd was estimated at over 4,000. Early in the afternoon many of the business houses and private residences on Main street were decorated with the stars and stripes, and the houses of the building were illuminated with colored lanterns.

The big banner was raised across Main street from a pole in front of the Seymour Hotel to the roof of the Spottiswood building. At 8 o'clock the street was a mass of citizens. Red and white lanterns illuminated the heavens and cannon roared. All the Democratic clubs from the city and the surrounding towns were present. The music played at intervals. Alderman W. F. Hamilton presided, and Joseph A. F. Hamilton, of Newark, was the orator. He was followed by Mr. Phillips, candidate for Congress, and George Hunter, both of East Orange, spoke. They were given a rousing reception.

JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES.

All But One Escaped, and the Engine Injured Him and Wrecked the Wagon.

Norristown, N. J., Sept. 23.—A wagon full of men, all employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, had a narrow escape from being killed this morning on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

The driver of the wagon was Patrick Kennedy. He was crossing the tracks of the railroad on the freight yard when the engine of a gravel train suddenly appeared, and before Kennedy could get his wagon out of the tracks, the engine struck it. The wagon was wrecked and Kennedy was injured. He was taken to the hospital, and it is feared he will not recover.

OLD LANDMARK DESTROYED.

House That Stood 200 Years at Blue Point, 11, Burned.

Pathoque, L. I., Sept. 23.—One of the old landmarks of Long Island, situated on the fork of two roads in Blue Point, was destroyed by fire last night. It was a building owned by R. D. Arthur, which was the property of his father and grandfather before him. The building had stood on the same spot over 200 years. It was a familiar as well as historical spot to the summer visitors at Blue Point.

That caused the fire is not known. The place was used as a tavern.

CYCLIST SEVERELY INJURED.

Chain Came Off His Wheel and He Was Thrown to the Ground.

Far Rockaway, L. I., Sept. 23.—Fred Otis, eighteen years old, of Rockaway Beach, was riding a bicycle on the Boulevard this afternoon, when the chain came off the wheel, throwing Otis to the ground with great force. He was unconscious for an hour.

Otis was carried to Dr. Caldwell's office, where his wounds were dressed, and he was taken home by his father, who had been notified of the accident. His injuries are serious, but not dangerous.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT DISMISSED.

Patrolman Richard Holmes, the New Sixth Precinct policeman, who was arrested for an alleged assault on a boy, was discharged by Justice Hartman yesterday. There was no proof that he struck the boy.

BIG SILVER BANNERS RAISED FOR BRYAN.

"Old Middlesex" Democrats Hold an Imposing Demonstration in New Brunswick.

Stirring Speeches, a Parade, Fireworks and Much Enthusiasm Characterize the Meeting.

"MCKINLEY, THE WORKINGMAN'S ENEMY."

Declarations That This Is the People's Fight, and References to "Gold, Grind and Greed" Liberally Applauded by the Crowd.

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 23.—The free silver Democracy of this city and old Middlesex County was in evidence last evening and distinguished itself by raising two handsome banners, with the portraits of their candidates upon them. The demonstration brought out a big crowd and was a success in every way. A display of fireworks was also among the features.

The parade, which was formed at the corner of Somerset and Catharine streets. The marchers bore torches and Chinese lanterns. Two banners were carried by boys. They bore the inscriptions: "We Want Free Silver," "McKinley, the Workingman's Enemy."

At the corner of Easton avenue and Somerset street an immense crowd awaited them, as the first banner was to be unfurled there. Amid a burst of music the ropes were pulled and the banner swung out to the breeze, high in the air.

When the speakers of the evening mounted a truck, which served as a rostrum, the crowd had grown to great proportions. Lawyer Peter F. Daly called the crowd to order and made a short speech, and was vigorously applauded. He made some particularly strong reference to the evils of the gold standard.

"The Sixth Ward," said he, "never does anything by halves. You see before you the handsomest banner of the kind in the city. But it is not the banner so much that I would have you look at as to what it represents. The workingman's motto is to recognize this as the people's fight. Although without organization, the masses are recognizing that, for the first time in twenty-five years, they have a candidate in whom they can honestly place confidence and reliance. If we are successful in this fight, we will be the benefactors of mankind. We will go back to such laws as our forefathers contemplated.

"On the one hand, we recognize McKinley with the Trusts behind him. On the other hand, we see Bryan with nothing behind him, except the honest people of the working classes."

James E. Martine, of Plainfield, also spoke. He scored the old leaders in Middlesex County, who had deserted the party, but declared that the old "Wheel horse" of the party were still true. He averred that the old reform bankers and capitalists of the party were clinging to the Republican party because they hoped to contract the destruction of money.

The old alliteration, "Rug, Romanism and Rebellion," was spoken of. The speaker then gave a new one: "Gold, greed and greed." Lord cheering followed this address. "To-morrow, should there be an invasion here, who would respond to the call of the Governor?" he asked. "Why, seventy-five per cent of the volunteers would be workingmen. The gold standard men would stay at home and drink tea."

Mr. Martine closed his address by urging all to work for the success of Bryan. This ended the demonstration at Easton avenue. The crowd moved off to the scene of the second banner raising, at the corner of Somerset and Catharine streets. Here the crowd was still larger, and when the meeting broke up with a hurrah.

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